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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear PJHS Families,

The 2021-22 school year has already proven to be a great year. As I review the year, I have seen so many wonderful accomplishments from both students and staff members. Our students have received recognition for achievement in the areas of academics, music, athletics and citizenship. I attribute these accomplishments to our responsible students, supportive families and community and dedicated staff members.

Amazingly, the end of the school year is almost here. The excitement of spring is in the air and it is tempting for students to start shutting down; however, we need our students to finish the year strong. Our staff members are working hard to ensure that your children continue to learn, but we need your help in emphasizing the importance of staying focused.

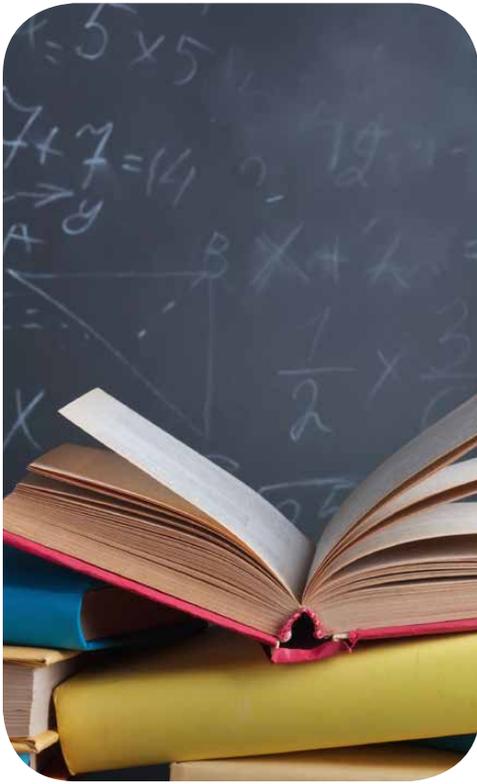
Not only do our students have a lot to do in their classes these remaining weeks, but they also have a wide variety of activities in which we hope that they, and you, will participate. These events include recognition ceremonies, track meets, talent shows and music concerts. Please refer to our *Daily Updates* for the dates and times for these events.

As we approach the end of the school year, we wish our 8th grade students well as they move on to high school. They have bright futures ahead of them and we appreciate all of their hard work as students at Perrysburg Junior High School. Students have persevered over the last two years during some very difficult learning environments and have continued to grow both emotionally and academically. We know that they have the skills and habits that they need in order to be successful at the next level. At the same time, we look forward to the 2022-23 school year with our incoming 7th graders and our upcoming 8th graders.

Thank you for all of your support and your continued involvement in your child's education.

Respectfully,

Mr. Don Christie, *Principal*
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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The Student Services Department has been busy getting ready for a wide range of activities to help our students. The department has been working diligently on next year's student scheduling, small group sessions, testing information and connecting with various community supports.

Please mark your calendar for the important dates below:

April 5 & 7 ELA State Testing

April 19 & 21 Math State Testing

April 26 & 28 Science State Testing - 8th grade only

April 29 Frosh Fest for incoming Freshmen
(8th grade only)



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ATHLETIC AVENUE

The Perrysburg Junior High Athletic Department concluded its 2021-2022 winter sports season with tremendous success. Preparation for winter sports began in November and ran through the beginning portion of February that saw the Jackets compete in boys and girls basketball, wrestling and cheerleading.

The 7th grade boys basketball team, coached by Justin Fahnce, finished their season with an overall record of 16-3. The Jackets were the number 2 seed in the NLL Tournament and finished as NLL Runner-up. The 8th grade boys basketball team, coached by Dave Perez, played to a 12-6 record and were semi-finalists in the NLL Tournament.

Craig Krueger coached the 7th grade girls basketball team to a 17-2 record. The Jackets entered the tournament as the number 2 seed and finished as league runners up. The 8th grade Jackets, coached by Tom Przybylski, finished the regular season at 17-1 and entered the tournament as the number 2 seed. The Jackets defeated the number 1 seed Anthony Wayne on their way to claiming the NLL Championship.

The 7th and 8th grade wrestling team finished their undefeated season as NLL Champions. The Jackets were invitational champions at the Genoa Invitational, Wauseon Duals, Lake Invitational, Archbold Invitational, Northwood Invitational and the Berea-Midpark Duals. Colin Tomlinson, Tanner Derr, Brody Thorp, Alex Denkins, Brody Bauman, Beckett Walter, Shane Saito and Kaleb Totten were all NLL Champions. The Jacket Wrestling Team was coached by Drew Newton, Marty Thorp and Brian Newton.

MATH COUNTS

Perrysburg MathCounts team competed Thursday, February 17 at the Chapter MathCounts Event. Our "mathletes" used problem solving skills, worked very hard and competed with phenomenal results. Finn Wilhelms earned an 8th place finish, Ocean Shi earned a 5th place finish and Simon Deng earned 1st place out of 89 students in our Toledo Area Ohio Chapter. We are very proud of all our team members and want to wish continued success to those students who will compete at the State mathematics competition in March.



MOCK TRIAL

The PJHS Mock Trial teams recently learned that the May 2022 Showcase will be held in person, at the Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center in downtown Columbus. Although virtual trials have been educational and have offered the new opportunity of scrimmaging other teams, competing in the beautiful Ohio Supreme Court building and meeting students from schools located across Ohio will likely give the students a more enriching and memorable experience. On the day of the Showcase, the students will leave PJHS on a bus well before the sun rises. They'll participate in the morning and afternoon trials, enjoy dinner at Buca di Beppo in Worthington and then travel home. But prior to the big day, the teams will continue practicing once a week after school. They also plan to have a dress rehearsal, which parents may attend, one afternoon in early May at the Perrysburg Municipal Court.

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES



PJHS HISTORY BEE

Congratulations to PJHS 7th grade student Dylan Merer on winning the annual PJHS History Bee. The History Bee tests students' knowledge of all World History from the Ancient Egyptians to modern day. 15 students took part in this year's History Bee and have qualified to the Regional Finals tournament that takes place in May.

HIPP DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

The annual HIPP Dodgeball Tournament took place after school on Friday, February 25. The annual event is coordinated by Miss Jackie Derr. This year, the event sported 7 student teams and one teacher team. Thanks to all who participated!



SUPER GREMLINS

2022 CHAMPIONS

- Owen Bruns
- Brayden Heitmeyer
- Brody Bauman
- Beckett Walters
- Asher Lattimore
- Shane Saito
- Morgan Hoverman
- Joel Manges



HAWIIAN PUNCHERS

2022 RUNNER-UPS

- Logan Hartzell
- Stella Skolmowski
- Roman Ruiz
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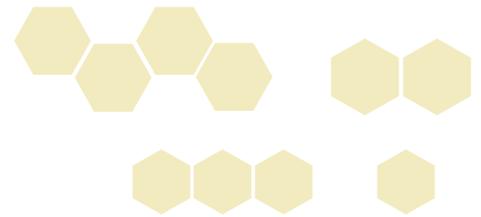


STUDENT COUNCIL

Back in January, Student Council sponsored the PJHS Lock In, and it was a huge success! We had over 100 students attend and they all had a great time, playing games, eating and enjoying being together with their friends for an evening. Above are some pictures from the event. Thank you to all who came!

Student Council also recently supported Winter Spirit Week, and a Color the World with Kindness Challenge. There were hidden crayons around the school for students to find and then literally color a picture of the Earth. It was fun to celebrate all of the Winter athletes and clubs/activities.

In the spring, Student Council will be supporting a few more service projects. Be on the lookout for more information.





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PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

Band

The PJHS Bands began their transition from winter to spring by wrapping up their PJHS Pep Band season with a rousing performance at a Perrysburg High School Girls Varsity game! Over 100 members of the PJHS Pep Band swarmed Perrysburg High School to join with their big siblings in the PHS Pep Band to bring their unique blend of musicianship, enthusiasm and school spirit to PHS. Thank you to the PHS Bands for being amazing hosts!

Over 25 performers showcased their talents as soloists or in small ensembles during the PJHS Bands Recital Day on March 17. These students worked independently on challenging music and were able to perform with minimal director instruction. Soloists had the experience of working with a professional piano accompanist to enhance their performance. Congratulations to all of our performers!

The PJHS Bands now set their sights on their Spring Concert on Monday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. All three concert bands have been arduously practicing their pieces and are thrilled to once again perform for a full auditorium of family and friends. This performance will also serve as a practice for the Commodore Band and Gold Band as they prepare for their performance at the Ohio Music Education Association Large Group Adjudicated Event in May. We look forward to seeing everyone at the PJHS Bands Spring Concert!

The HPI and PJHS Bands invite everyone to participate in the 9th Annual HPI/PJHS Band on the Run 5K! This year's event takes place on Saturday, May 7th. You may sign up through the following link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Perrysburg/PJHSBandontheRun/>.

Go Jackets!



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The PJHS Pep Band plays at a varsity girls basketball game at Perrysburg High School



The PJHS String Ensemble performed the National Anthem at a Toledo Walleye Hockey game

Orchestra

The 7th and 8th Grade Orchestra students performed their second concert of the school year in mid-February. Students played very well and were grateful for the opportunity to perform! Save the date for our next orchestra concert on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the PJHS Auditorium.

Congratulations to the Perrysburg Junior High School String Ensemble on their performance of the National Anthem at the Toledo Walleye game in February. Go Jackets!

Choir

Solo & Ensemble: 51 choir members participated in the PJHS Solo & Ensemble event modeled after the Ohio Music Education Association. Students prepared solos and ensemble performances for adjudicators, receiving excellent and superior ratings.

Golden Jackets Show Choir:

The PJHS Golden Jackets are in their 6th year as a competitive show choir. The group is comprised of 35 seventh and eighth graders from the PJHS choral program. Their competition set is entitled "You Will Be Found." Musical selections include "The Middle," "Wings" and "Don't Stop Me Now."

This competition season, the PJHS Golden Jackets Show choir competed in 4 competitions. Groups were judged on vocals, choreography and overall performance. The Golden Jackets won 1st Runner Up, 2nd Runner Up, Best Choreography, Best Costumes, Best Overall Male Soloist (Austin LeBoutillier & Jordan Nahhas), and Outstanding performers (Iris Morris, Lucy Pafford, Jacob Nahhas & Janie Snyder).

The group is directed by Katie Kuhlman and Joel Hamilton and choreographed by Elise Hanson.

Upcoming Events

- Choir Concert: Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. at PJHS
- Talent Show: Tuesday, May 24 at 7 at 7:00 p.m. at PJHS



The PJHS Show Choir at a recent competition in Chicago

POWER OF THE PEN

On Saturday, February 5th, our Power of the Pen students competed virtually at the district level. Overall our 7th grade team placed 2nd and our 8th grade team placed 7th out of 19 schools in the district.

High-placing students on the 7th grade team included:

Alexander Ban, who placed 3rd
Ria Khatri, who placed 7th
Maanya Parikh, who placed 8th

High-placing students on the 8th grade team included:

Sophia Halm, who placed 1st

Ria Khatri and Sophia Halm also received Best of Round awards.

Elena Fuentes won the Alternate Winners award.

The following students moved on to compete at the regional level on Saturday, March 12:

Alexander Ban, Alexa David, Avery Duvendack, Ella Hahn, Sophia Halm, Diana Hwang, Ria Khatri, Kathryn Kleinfelter, Lucy Pafford, Maanya Parikh and Gabriella Spina.

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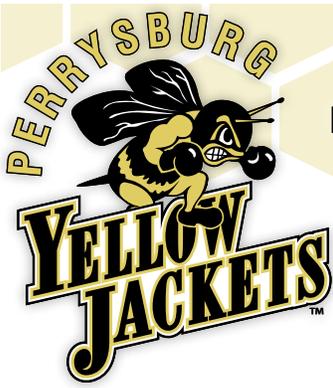


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JACKET WAY

The PJHS Jacket Way Program celebrated the winter months with the Jacket Way Raffle at the Spirit Assembly on Friday, March 4. Over 2,000 Raffle Tickets were distributed to students who had elected to redeem their Jacket Way Tickets for that option. Student winners of the raffle included:

- Kennedy Boze, 8th grade, Oculus Quest 2
- Lexi Decker, 8th grade, the Astro Mini-Fridge
- Connor Hastings, 8th grade, \$100 Visa Gift Card
- Ryan Lindsey, 8th grade, At Home ICEE Machine
- Landon Paquette, 7th grade, 3D Pen

In addition, three Jacket Way tickets that were redeemed were randomly selected and those students played Plinko for a

chance to win a giftcard of their choice, sponsored by JHPO. Those students were:

- Penelope Giammarco, 8th grade
- Ben Patterson, 7th grade
- Jackson Raser, 8th grade

Congratulations to our Jacket Way Students of the Month for March:

- Aiden Cohen-Cole, 7th grade
- Lauren McConnachie, 7th grade

Class Meetings continued in January, February and March. Our 8th Grade Class Meetings focused on characteristics from the Portrait of a Graduate emphasizing Inspiring Others, Showing Up for Others and Commitment. Our 7th Grade Class Meetings were led by our 8th Grade WEB Leaders and focused on Learning to Focus, Being a Good Sport, and the Power of Questioning.



The Winter Jacket Way Raffle winners included Lexi Decker, Kennedy Boze, Landon Paquette, Ryan Lindsey and Connor Hastings